

**WELSH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of WCEC meeting held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014**  
**At Prince Rupert Hotel, Shrewsbury**

No.		Actions
164/14	<b>Present</b> <b>Members</b> – Denis McAteer (President), Gwyn Lewis (Chair), Vernon Davies (Vice-Chair), Chris Hodgson (Vice-Chair), John Cook (Hon Treasurer), Diane Davies (Hon Secretary), Max Grant, Alan Norton, Ron Williams,. <b>Staff</b> – Rebecca Brough (Policy Advocate). <b>Guests</b> –Benedict Southworth (Chief Executive).	
165/14	GL welcomed RB and DM to the meeting.	
166/14	<b>Apologies:</b> Alex Marshall, Tony Thomas, Asta Smith, Maria Golightly, Richard Trueman, Christine O'Byrne, Jonathan Kipling, Angela Charlton.	
167/14	<b>Declaration of Interest:</b> none.	
168/14	<b>Announcements:</b> none.	
169/14	The minutes of 27 <sup>th</sup> September meeting were approved and are to go on the website.	DD
170/14	Action Sheet (140/14); DD reported minutes 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 were on website.	
171/14	Action Sheet (142/14 & 117/14: missing items on website) DD reported that Melanie Hutt had been provided with missing minutes and 2014 constitution and had been given details for updating WCEC membership page	DD
172/14	Action Sheet (144/14, 123/14 & 95/14: Delegate selection for WC) DD reported on the result of the consultation and the possible next steps. It was agreed that a motion favouring Option 1 should be put forward at WC 2015 but that an amendment should also be put forward for Option 3 to allow WC 2015 to make the final choice. DD to produce a Constitutional Motion and briefing paper to that effect.	DD
173/14	Action Sheet (145/14, 122/14 & 94/14: Eisteddfod) Foreshadowed review yet to be produced. In the meantime DD to e-mail Powys to check on their decision to participate at Meifod 2015.	DD
174/14	Action Sheet (150/14, 125/14 & 104/14: Cambrian Way) Papers from MG outlining Detailed Plan and recommendations discussed. It was agreed that RC could not support the setting up of a separate charity (Detailed Plan 6.1). It was agreed that a Working Party should be set up to take this forward and its membership was also agreed. MG was thanked for his work on this.	MG
175/14	Action Sheet (151/14 & 127/14: Video-conferencing) Test runs had been carried out satisfactorily and no further action was required.	
176/14	Action Sheet (152/14: Conclusive Open Access Maps) MG provided a draft report reviewing the process and results. It was agreed that the finished report should go to AC and to Kate Conto in London.	MG
177/14	Action Sheet (153/14 Circulation of reports) Report on Wales Coastal Path by Christian Harris still to be circulated. Members were urged to provide any comments or suggestions regarding the Ramblers Cymru Key Facts document to RB.	DD ALL
178/14	Action Sheet (160/14: WC2015): GL gave an update and requested ideas on guests that should be invited. Agreed to invite areas with borders with Wales. Members	GL

	were asked to think of potential guest speakers and supply names to DD.	ALL
179/14	Action Sheet (161/14: 50/50 by 2020 Campaign) Signing of the pledge still to be confirmed.	DD
180/14	<b>Director's Report and Business Plan:</b> The BP was discussed and its layout was generally approved. However, there was a feeling that the timescale for various milestones was needed as well as a indicator such as a "traffic light system" regarding progress. The question of what "updates" should be included over the life of the plan was also raised as the document could become unwieldy.	
181/14	<b>Financial reports:</b> Those for WCEC and Cardiff Office were approved. RW raised question as to whether the North Wales Area Funds could be used by an individual to finance a judicial review. BS to check and advise RW.	RW
182/14	Budget request for WC/WCEC and for Areas and Groups had been approved in full.	
183/14	<b>Ramblers Vision:</b> a general discussion took place led by BS but focussing on potential differences that a RC Vision might need.	
184/14	<b>Ramblers Governance Report:</b> DD led a discussion and highlighted that changes in Wales were the remit of WC & WCEC. BS emphasised that a Group/Area structure was needed for servicing from London. Agreed that we should use the Report as a starting point and that the priority was reform of the Group/Area structure which was not effective for democracy or participation by members. Agreed that a motion would be put forward at WC 2015 proposing a review of Group/Area structure which would provide WC 2016 with recommendations for change.	DD
185/14	AOB (1): CH reported that John Morgan had objected to the Mynydd y Gwynt Windfarm development in the name of RC. He also reported that the objection met the criteria of the Renewables Policy document and the objection was agreed retrospectively.	
186/14	AOB (2): BS raised the point that HF has money available for path clearance etc in areas that it has properties. DD to contact Ed Wilson in London to get details for circulating to Areas and Groups that might be interested.	DD
187/14	AOB (3): GL reported on devolution Sub-Committee meeting. Funding formula was coming up for review and it was necessary to decide whether we wished to "overhaul" or "tweak" the current system. Agreed that tweaking was preferred. It was noted that a review of the Memorandum of Authority was due in 2016.	GL
188/14	Next meeting: After a discussion it was confirmed that the next meeting would be on 7 <sup>th</sup> February at Cardiff Office. DD asked to provide a list of dates for subsequent meetings so everyone was aware of the dates well in advance.	DD
	Signed...Gwyn Lewis.....(Chairman)                      5 <sup>th</sup> February 2015.....(date)	